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8. (Once amended.) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1 wherein the axially symmetrical orientation of said liquid crystals is distorted along a central axis and display is performed by exploiting TN mode liquid crystals, which utilizes optical rotating characteristics.

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10. (Once amended.) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1 wherein the axially symmetrical orientation of said liquid crystals is not distorted along a central axis and display is performed by exploiting ECB mode liquid crystals, which utilizes birefringence.

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13. (Once amended.) A method for the preparation of a liquid crystal display device comprising a pair of substrates arranged facing each other with a pre-set gap in-between; liquid crystals held in said gap;

means for applying an electrical field to said liquid crystals to change the state of orientation thereof, said method comprising the steps of

forming a wall structure in each of small-sized areas obtained on sub-division along at least one substrate for orienting the liquid crystals lying in each small-sized area axially symmetrically on application of said electrical fields, said wall structure encompassing a rectangular area; and

forming a groove structure formed in each of said small-sized areas and adapted for adjusting the axial symmetrical orientation of said liquid crystals in cooperation with said wall structure,

wherein said groove structure extends along diagonal lines of said rectangular area encircled by said wall structure.

One or more pages separate from the amendment, marked up to show all of the changes relative to the previous versions of the paragraphs and claims are provided in Appendix A attached herewith.¹

¹ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.